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TAGS: EFIN, EAID, EAGR

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
(IFAD): SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS OF DRAFT AGREEMENT BEING
CONSIDERED BY GROUP 77 THAT WOULD STRENGTHEN ROLL OF FOOD
AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO)

REF: ROME 772; ROME 991; ROME 1143; STATE 15341;
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1. THE DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED THAT IF FAO DIRECTOR
GENERAL SAOUMA PERSISTS IN HIS INITIATIVE TO PROPOSE
AMENDMENTS TO IFAD'S DRAFT ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT DURING
HIS ADDRESS TO THE IFAD MEETING LATER THIS WEEK IT COULD
HAVE A SERIOUS NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE
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DRAFT ARTICLES. IN OUR VIEW, THIS MEETING IS NOT THE

PLACE TO RESOLVE THE RELATIONSHIP OF FAO TO IFAD. THE TASK OF THIS MEETING IS TO AGREE ON THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT INCLUDING A SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED PLEDGES AND TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE. IFAD ITSELF WILL THEN NEGOTIATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS OF THE UN SYSTEM INCLUDING FAO. FURTHER, WE WOULD CONSIDER IT TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE TO REOPEN ISSUES WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN RESOLVED, E.G., BORROWING AUTHORITY.

2. IF SAOUMA INTRODUCES HIS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS PUBLICALLY DURING THE MEETING, WE AND PERHAPS OTHER GROUP A COUNTRIES WOULD BE FORCED TO TAKE PUBLIC ISSUE WITH HIM. THIS SITUATION COULD LEAD TO A NEEDLESS CONFRONTATION WHICH WE ALL SEEK TO AVOID.

3. FODAG SHOULD INFORM WFC SEC GEN HANNAH OF OUR VIEWS AS OUTLINED ABOVE. YOU SHOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE HANNAH TO MAKE SAOUMA AWARE OF THE NEGATIVE EFFECT HIS MAKING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WOULD HAVE AND TO PERSUADE HIM AGAINST THIS COURSE OF ACTION. KISSINGER

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